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Application Number	09/910,904
Filing Date	July 24, 2001
First Named Inventor	YASUI
Art Unit	1765
Examiner Name	Umez Eronini, Lynette
Attorney Docket Number	ASAM.0012

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

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- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

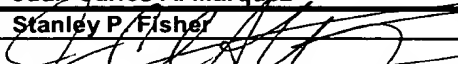
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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1480
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 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
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YASUI *et al.*

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	22	22	2 (Over 20)	x \$18	.0
Independent Claims	5	5	2 (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
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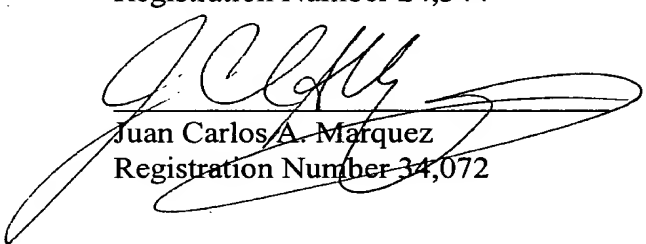
[x] Response to Office Action
with claim amendments
[] Preliminary Amendment
[] Substitute Specification
[] Other _____

[] Petition for Extension of Time
[x] RCE Application
[] Letter to Draftsperson w/ pages of drawings
[] Assignment
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 17, 2003, the period of response to which is set to expire on January 17, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: